


74. (new) A dosage form tablet for oral administration of methylphenidate to a human, the dosage form tablet comprising:

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- (a) a first drug layer comprising a dose of 10 ng to 300 mg of methylphenidate;
 - (b) a second drug layer comprising a dose of 50 ng to 500 mg of methylphenidate, which second layer comprises a larger dose of methylphenidate than the first layer;
 - (c) a third layer comprising 15 ng to 450 mg of a hydrophilic polymer;
 - (d) a wall comprising a semipermeable composition that surrounds the three layers;
 - (e) a passageway in the wall communicating with the first layer for delivering the first and consecutively the second layers from the dosage form wherein said components (a) through (d) are shaped and adapted to interact cooperatively such that drug is released from the dosage form at an ascending release rate for an extended time period; and
 - (f) an overcoat comprising 10 ng to 20 mg of methylphenidate on the exterior surface of the wall.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 were pending in this application. By this paper, new claims 35-74 are added.

Claims 35-38 recite that the dosage forms claimed in original claims 18 and 26 further comprise sorbitol as described in the present application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. It is believed that these new claims are in condition for immediate allowance and such is respectfully requested.

The remaining new claims, claims 39-74, correspond essentially to claims that have been found allowable in two copending parent applications to the present application. A priority claim to both of these parent applications and an incorporation by reference of both of these parent applications are found within the present application as originally filed. Although the language of the new claims has been modified slightly to clarify the terminology in accord with the definitions and terms used in the present application, new claims 39-49 correspond essentially to allowed claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 14, 18, 26 and 30 of copending application Serial No. 08/910,593 and new claims 50-74 correspond essentially to allowed claims 12-35 and 40 of copending application Serial No. 08/937,336. No new matter has been added. It is believed that these claims remain in condition for immediate allowance and such is respectfully requested.

In summary, claims 1-74, pending in the present application, are believed to be in condition for prompt allowance. Should any further changes be deemed necessary, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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